



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Atsushi MURASHIMA

Title: SPEECH SIGNAL DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING

DECODED INFORMATION SMOOTHED TO PRODUCE

RECONSTRUCTED SPEECH SIGNAL OF ENHANCED QUALITY

(As Amended)

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Sir:

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